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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/805,144

**Applicant(s)**

MATSUDA ET AL.

**Examiner**

Ashok Patel

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/12/04.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-4, Paper No. 1203, is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). Claims 5-14 are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The term "transmitting ultraviolet rays of long wavelength and blocking ultraviolet rays of short wavelength" renders the claim indefinite and/or vague as to what the means by "long" and "short" wavelengths.

Claims 2-4 are necessarily rejected since they depend upon claim 1.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at

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the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berthold (U.S.P. 3,624,444).

Berthold discloses applicant's claimed ultraviolet lamp including a discharge vessel (1); a pair of electrodes (2, 3) and an optical filter made of zirconium metal oxide as claimed by applicant.

Berthold differs from applicant's claimed ultraviolet lamp in that Berthold's lamp does not include a metal oxide filter formed on outer surface of the discharge vessel.

However providing the metal oxide coating inside or outside would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since it could be provided at any suitable location for filtering the ultraviolet rays of transmitted by the gas fill.

Transmitting and block different wavelengths of the ultraviolet light, as claimed by applicant, is physical property of the metal oxide coating. Also having energy band gap of 4.5 to

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6.7 by the metal oxide coating, as recited in applicant's claim 3, is physical property.

Consequently, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide Berthold's lamp including the metal oxide coating suitably on the outer surface of the vessel for transmitting the ultraviolet rays of longer wavelength and blocking the ultraviolet rays of short wavelength.

As to claim 2, The lamp vessel of Berthold further does not include titanium oxide and cerium oxide.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kaliszewski et al, Verhaar et al and Roozebrans et al each are cited for showing a general structure of an UV lamp including a zirconium oxide coating.

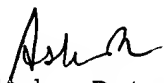
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashok Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-2456. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is  
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status  
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